WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for distributing documents, comprising:

producing a first identifier, the first identifier including first information indicative of a first server;

transmitting the first identifier to a client, the client associating the first identifier with the first document;

transmitting a copy of the first document to the first server;

transmitting a commit request to the first server; and

in response to the commit request, the first server becoming responsive to download requests for the first document, the download requests containing the first information.

2. The method of claim 1 further including receiving a distribution list associated with the first document, the distribution list identifying one or more other servers.

3. The method of claim 2 further including receiving a notification list associated with the first document, the notification list identifying one or more users.

4. The method of claim 1 further including receiving a download request from a second server, and in response thereto initiating a sequence of operations between the first server and a second server so that the first document is transferred from the first server to the second server, the download request including the first information.

5. The method of claim 1 further including distributing the first document to a second server in response to the commit request.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the distributing includes transferring the first document to at least one intermediate server to produce an intermediate copy, and transferring the intermediate copy from the at least one intermediate server to the second server.

7. The method of claim 5 wherein the distributing comprises: informing the second server of a distribution request; and in response to the distribution request, the second server initiating a sequence of operations with the first server to transfer the first document to the second server.

8. The method of claim 5 wherein the distributing comprises: storing second information to a first memory location in the first server; the second computer system accessing the first memory location to detect for a presence of the second information; and the second computer initiating a sequence of operations with the first computer system wherein the first document is transferred to the second computer system in response to detecting the presence of the second information.

9. The method of claim 1 further including receiving at the first server a second document from the second server, the second document representative of a modified version of the first document, the first server storing the second document while retaining the first document, the first server distributing the document to other servers.

10. A method for distributing documents, comprising:

producing a first identifier, the first identifier including first information indicative of a first server;

transmitting the first identifier from the first server to a client, the client associating the first identifier with a first document;

transmitting a copy of the first document to the first server;

transmitting a commit request to the first server;

in response to the commit request, the first server distributing the first document to a second server; and

making the first document available for download from the first server and from the second server using at least the first information.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the distributing includes transferring the first document to at least one intermediate server to produce an intermediate copy, and transferring the intermediate copy from the at least one intermediate server to the second server.

12. The method of claim 10 wherein the distributing comprises: informing the second server of a distribution request; and in response to the distribution request, the second server initiating a sequence of operations with the first server to transfer the first document to the second server.

13. The method of claim 10 wherein the distributing comprises: storing a transfer request to a first memory location in the first server; the second computer system accessing the first memory location to detect for a presence of the transfer request; and the second computer initiating a sequence of operations with the first computer system wherein the first document is transferred to the second computer system in response to detecting the presence of the transfer request.

14. The method of claim 10 wherein the first identifier includes a naming component that is randomly generated.

15. A method for distributing documents, comprising:

receiving a first document at an originating server, the first document having associated therewith a first identifier comprising first information indicative of the originating server;

distributing the first document to a first plurality of servers;

at each of the first servers, associating a second identifier with the first document, the second identifier including the first information;

receiving a second document at the first server, the second document being a second version of the first document;

retaining the first document and the second document on the first server; and

distributing the second document to a second plurality of servers.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the first plurality of servers is the same as the second plurality of servers.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein the first plurality of servers is different from the second plurality of servers.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein the first document is associated with a first distribution list identifying the first plurality of servers.

19. The method of claim 15 wherein the second document is associated with a second distribution list identifying the second plurality of servers.

20. The method of claim 15 wherein the first identifier is associated with the second document, whereby the second document is accessed by the first identifier.

21. The method of claim 15 wherein the distributing includes the first server initiating a sequence of operations with the second server to transfer a copy of the first document from the first server to the second server.

22. The method of claim 15 wherein the distributing includes transferring a copy of the first document to at least one intermediate computer system to produce an intermediate copy, and transferring the intermediate copy from the at least one intermediate computer system to the second server.

23. The method of claim 15 wherein the distributing includes informing the second server of a transfer request, and in response thereto the second server initiating a sequence of operations with the first server to transfer the first document to the second server.

24. A computer program product for document storage and distribution comprising:

one or more computer readable media having contained thereon computer program code suitable for being executed on a first server computer,

the first server computer having associated therewith first identification information suitable to allow other computers to access the first server computer using the first identification information,

the computer program code comprising:

first executable code effective for operating the first server computer to receive a first document as an original document from a client computer;

second executable code effective for operating the first server computer to associate a first identifier with the first document in response to receiving a commit request from the client computer, the first identifier including the first identification information; and

third executable code effective for operating the first server computer to make available the first document for downloading, in response to the commit request.

25. The computer program product of claim 24 further comprising:

fourth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to receive a second document from a second server computer, the second document being an original document in the second server computer; and

fifth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to assign a third identifier to the second document, the third identifier including second identification information, the second identification information suitable to allow other server computers to access the second server computer using the second identification information.

26. The server computer program product of claim 24 further including fourth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to initiate a sequence of operations with a second server computer so that the first document is transferred from the first server computer to the second server computer.

27. The server computer program product of claim 24 further including fourth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to signal a second server computer of a transfer request and to interact with a sequence of operations initiated by the second server computer to transfer the first document to the second server computer.

28. The server computer program product of claim 24 further including fourth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to store in a first memory location second information indicative of a transfer request, wherein a second server computer accesses the first memory location to detect for a presence of the second information, the second server computer initiating a sequence of operations with the first server computer wherein the first document is transferred to the second server computer in response to detecting the presence of the second information.

29. A method for distributing revisions of a document collection comprising:

assigning a first layer number to a first document collection, documents in the first document collection being accessible based at least on the first layer number, the documents in the first document collection constituting a first version of the document collection;

obtaining a new session collection;

uploading revised documents into the session collection;

uploading the first layer number into a document which indicates the previous layer;

receiving a commit request and in response thereto, assigning a second layer number to the session collection, the session collection now being a second document

collection, documents in the second document collection being accessible based at least on the second layer number, the documents in the second document collection constituting a second version of the document collection; and

providing access via the second layer number to those documents in the first document collection that have not been modified.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein the first document collection is stored on a first server and the session collection is stored on a second server, the method further including uploading the session collection from the second server to the first server.

31. The method of claim 29 wherein providing access includes creating symbolic links from the first document collection to the second document collection, symbolically linking those files in the first document collection that have not been modified to the second document collection.

32. The method of claim 29 further including providing a top layer number, a most recent version of the document collection being accessible based on the top layer number, the most recent version of the document collection being associated with the a highest numbered layer number.